

**Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Jeff Donahue at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Donahue read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 7, 2015. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Robert Ashbaugh-present, Mr. Tom Bremner- present, Mr. Billy Dawson-present, Ms. Connie Hallman-present, Mr. Phil Kartsonis-absent, Mr. Bob Uhrlik-present.

Also present: Mayor Jeff Donahue, Borough Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, CFO Joe Monzo and Borough Attorney Albert Cruz.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Donahue thanked the 125th Anniversary Celebration committee and volunteers for all their work, and he gave a special thank you to Council President Hallman. The Mayor also thanked the Fire Department for their support of the event. The Mayor recognized Peggy Harris for her decades of service to the Borough and most recently serving on the Planning Board. There has been an open seat on the Planning Board since Ms. Harris resigned, and the Mayor appointed Irene Battaglia of 15 Toth Lane to the position of Mayor's Alternate on the Planning Board. The appointment was approved by a roll call vote:

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrlik

Against: None

Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2015

Dawson moved to approve the minutes as presented and Bremner seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrlik

Against: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peggy Merritt, 158 Washington Street, expressed her opinion that the new garbage cans are not big enough and said that she would like a bigger garbage can.

Peggy Harris, 66 Crescent Avenue, commented that street parking is worse on her street and in front of the post office since the two restaurants instituted valet parking.

Brad Merritt, 158 Washington Street, complained that the dumpster at One53 is shielded so that customers can't see it but residents can, and that it is often overflowing with garbage. He said he believes there is an ordinance requiring dumpsters to be shielded from public view. He also commented that the new garbage cans for residents are a problem.

Bruce Blomberg, owner of the Rocky Hill Inn, said he will make sure that his valet parking staff uses the parking lot and does not park cars on the street.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Report dated July 20, 2015 was distributed and filed in the Borough Clerk's office. Engineer Tanner provided an overview of the report.

Generator Grant

FEMA has approved the grant. Mr. Uhrik requested that when the generator is installed that it be aimed away from Knoll Way.

Washington Street Sidewalk Contract

Punch list is being updated. Ms. Hallman requested that Think Pavers replace the parking sign that belongs in front on 138 Washington Street.

Construction Projects

Posts have been installed at park entrance off Princeton Avenue, and chain will be put up week of August 3rd.

NJDEP Water Restriction

Water Superintendent Tim Lesko reported that pumping levels are still elevated but lower than before. Testing of the catch basin on Crescent Avenue near the Industrial Park found chlorine in the water indicating that there is still a water main leak.

Small Contracts Grass/Snow/Leaf Collection

Pursuing a leaf contract with Branchburg.

Snow contract will be rebid. Reviewing snow removal bills from this year.

Princeton Avenue Park Frontage

Sent email to Montgomery Township requesting maintenance in this area.

Panicaro Park Flagpole Light

Received an estimate of \$570 to repair a light and install a new light at Panicaro Park. Mr. Uhrik suggested that these lights should be LED.

Trash Collection Contract

Several issues have arisen with Premier Disposal. Premier has asserted that there is more pick up than expected. The contract specifies 281 carts, but Premier claims that 309 were delivered. Several residents have requested additional or larger carts. Premier has refused to furnish 90 gallon carts for residents, and the contract specifies that additional carts cost \$35. The contract requires the carter to take all garbage, but grass clippings are exempted by statute.

Public Comment

Peggy Harris, 68 Crescent Avenue, commented that the apartments near her house received one garbage can for five apartments, and that the contractor did not collect all the bags of garbage left next to the carts.

Brad Merritt, 158 Washington Street, expressed that he is very unhappy with the new contractor.

Peggy Merritt, 158 Washington Street, commented that she requested a larger garbage can, but Premier said no.

Engineer Tanner will meet with Premier to discuss these issues.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The CFO reported that the tax bills have gone out. The mid-year trial balance shows that the finances are in good shape. Once we have made a final payment to Think Pavers, the Borough can seek grant reimbursement from the state.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

State Police Report

Tax Collector—May 2015

Court Administrator—May 2015

Water and Sewer—June 2015

Bremner moved to approve the reports, and Ashbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List dated July 20, 2015 was presented for approval. Ashbaugh moved to approve all vouchers except 8522. Motion seconded by Hallman. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

Bremner moved to approve voucher 8522, motion seconded by Uhrik. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: Hallman

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records – T. Bremner. Mr. Bremner has added a feature to the Borough website that will allow residents to sign up for email alerts.

Buildings & Grounds – B. Dawson. A sump pump was installed in the Borough Hall basement. Sod was laid in the green acres adjacent to the Borough Hall parking lot and was then damaged with tire tracks. The tennis camp went well and had 13 attendees. There is a ground bee infestation near the sandbox. The contracted exterminator investigated and concluded these are bees that do not sting. The nursery school has raised lead paint issues but has not provided the documentation stating that construction cannot take place during school hours.

Finance & Insurance – R. Ashbaugh. Three joint insurance funds are being reviewed and receiving quotes from a specialized carrier for emergency responders. A meeting with an insurance broker from Flemington is scheduled for Wednesday at 3:30.

Public Safety & Emergency Services – No report.

Streets & Roads – C. Hallman. Street sweeping occurred on all streets, and a new stop sign was installed at the intersection of Hickory Court and Princeton Avenue. A road repair is scheduled for Princeton Avenue. PSE&G is installing new light fixtures. The crosswalks have been repainted. The Shade Tree Committee cleaned up Crescent Point Park, but the debris needs to be removed. A speed hump on Merritt Lane needs to be repaired. The new sidewalk in front of 178 Washington Street was cut into for a gas connection and needs to be repaired.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – B. Uhrik. Report delivered under Departmental Reports.

Council Representative to Planning Board – C. Hallman. A new garage was approved for 38 Washington Street.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee - C. Hallman. The tennis camp was successfully held. Approximately 200 people attended the 125th anniversary celebration. Ms. Hallman thanked local businesses for contributing to the celebration. The next event will take place in the fall in conjunction with the Somerset County Journey through the Past.

Council Representative to Board of Health – B. Uhrik. The Board of Health has not had a meeting. Montgomery Township is now providing health services to the Borough.

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Zoning Official's Report –No report.

Grants Committee – T. Bremner. Mr. Bremner is looking into using grant funds for a litter clean up and electronics recycling day.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-61: Authorizing the Renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License Number 1817-33-002-006 for the Rocky Hill Inn

Hallman moved to approve the resolution and Bremner seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2015-62: Appointing Christine Witt as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

Dawson moved to approve the resolution and Ashbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-63: Ratifying the Award of Contract to BQ Basement Systems and Motto Electronics for the Basement Waterproofing

Dawson moved to approve the resolution and Hallman seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

Discussion of Housing Administration of COAH Update

Attorney Cruz reported that a declaratory judgment action and a motion for temporary immunity from exclusionary zoning lawsuits was filed on July 7, 2015. The motion should be heard in about a month. Planner Lee has pointed out that the Borough needs an affordable housing administrator as it is legally required and will show the court that the Borough is taking the appropriate steps to fulfill its affordable housing obligation.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hallman reported that she has researched the property code and the house at 98 Washington Street is in violation of the code. The Mayor will ask the Zoning Officer to get involved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications as listed, were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toby Whitlock, 94 Crescent Avenue, recommended that the lights in Panicaro Park be repaired.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bremner with a second by Dawson to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 PM. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Witt
Deputy Borough Clerk

List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8519	12 - ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY	PO 5437 Borough Hall cleaning June 2015	200.00	200.00
8520	497 - CHRISTINE WITT	PO 5446 Home Depot Card balance from celebr	58.12	58.12
8521	51 - CONFIRE	PO 5421 Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection	69.00	69.00
8522	485 - CONNIE HALLMAN	PO 5422 125th Anniversary/July 4th Celebrat	1,990.97	1,990.97
8523	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 5438 Legal advertising: 2014 Audit Summa	214.52	214.52
8524	547 - Comcast	PO 5441 Phone and Internet	256.49	256.49
8525	578 - County of Somerset- Open Space Tax	PO 5449 2nd t Half County Open Space Taxes	9,305.13	9,305.13
8526	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 5418 Legal services May 2015	2,607.00	2,607.00
8527	83 - G & T Landscaping Inc	PO 5297 Lawn Service 2015 Reso 2015-42	1,630.00	1,630.00
8528	590 - GOLDSHEILD TEAM LLC	PO 5426 OEM Training	300.00	300.00
8529	510 - HMR ARCHITECTS	PO 5443 Phase II Historic Preservation Gran	2,690.00	2,690.00
8530	115 - JML LANDSCAPING INC.	PO 5420 Partial field mowing for summer	900.00	900.00
8531	115 - JML LANDSCAPING INC.	PO 5430 Temporary blacktop apron at firehou	1,650.00	1,650.00
8532	122 - KENCOR INC	PO 5428 Bi-Monthly Elevator service	75.00	75.00
8533	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 5436 Postage machine refill July 2015	108.99	108.99
8534	328 - PRINCETON TENNIS PROGRAM	PO 5439 Summer Tennis Program	1,200.00	1,200.00
8535	210 - PSE&G	PO 5415 Municipal Building electric June &	731.45	731.45
8536	210 - PSE&G	PO 5433 Crescent Point Park electric	6.78	6.78
8537	210 - PSE&G	PO 5435 Panicaro Park electric	11.96	11.96
8538	210 - PSE&G	PO 5442 Street Lights Electric	639.43	639.43
8539	515 - RARITAN AND MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD	PO 5425 Flood Control Commission 2015 Dues	500.00	500.00
8540	408 - RAYMOND J. STINE ESQ.	PO 5416 Municipal prosecutor	1,000.00	1,000.00
8541	319 - REPUBLIC SERVICES #865	PO 5444 Garbage collection June 2015	3,808.49	3,808.49
8542	354 - RICOH USA, INC.	PO 5432 Copy machine rental	109.73	109.73
8543	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5424 County Household Recycling Q2 2015	1,747.01	1,747.01
8544	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5447 2nd Half County Taxes	98,939.37	98,939.37
8545	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5452 Street sweeping	1,481.88	1,481.88
8546	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5453 Certified Recycling Professional Se	67.00	67.00
8547	251 - SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH	PO 5419 Police Service May 10-June 9; Court	4,251.37	4,251.37
8548	577 - Somerset County Treasurer- Library	PO 5448 2nd half County Library Taxes	14,757.24	14,757.24
8549	455 - TAMARA LEE PP	PO 5454 Planning Services: Affordable Housi	1,653.75	1,653.75
8550	284 - VALIC	PO 5440 2014 LOSAP	15,000.00	15,000.00
8551	293 - ROCKY HILL WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT	PO 5429 Hydrants & Borough Hall water/sewer	823.75	823.75
8552	574 - WEST TRENTON/MONTGOMERY TRUE VALUE	PO 5431 Hardware	344.59	344.59
TOTAL				169,129.02

List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7027	415 - AQUA PRO TECH LABS	PO 5456 Water Dept. testing: Princeton Ave.	98.00	98.00
7028	592 - GEL LABORATORIES LLC	PO 5451 Water Radiochemistry Analyses-DEP R	460.00	460.00
7029	321 - MIRACLE CHEMICAL CO	PO 5417 Water Dept. chemicals	30.20	30.20
7030	450 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	PO 5445 June One Calls	8.68	8.68
7031	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 5458 Postage Machine Rental	29.00	29.00
7032	210 - PSE&G	PO 5434 Water Dept. electric	1,623.16	1,623.16
7033	316 - STATE OF NEW JERSEY PWT	PO 5450 State water tax Q2 2015	55.16	55.16
7034	259 - NEW JERSEY STATE TREASURER	PO 5455 Annual Safe Drinking Water Fee	120.00	120.00
7035	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 5423 Water Dept: read meter books Q2 201	200.00	200.00
7036	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 5457 Water Dept.: Mow grass at well hous	500.00	500.00
TOTAL				3,124.20

RESOLUTION 2015- 61

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, application has been received from Copper Bottom LLC, T/A Rocky Hill Inn for renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License (1817-33-002-006); and

WHEREAS, said application is complete and accompanied by the required fees, affidavits, and tax clearance certificate from the New Jersey Division of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, no written objection to the renewal of this license was received by the Borough Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the license as referenced above be renewed for the 2014-2015 license year and that the Borough Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution and the renewal application and accompanying fee to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Law and Public Safety, for processing, and to the applicants; and;
2. That the Borough Clerk be authorized to issue the 2015-2016 license to the proper holder with the effective date of July 1, 2015.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST

By: _____

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

By: _____

Jeff Donahue, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on July 20, 2015.

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2015-62

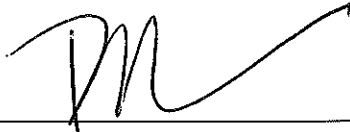
WHEREAS, Rebecca Newman is the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Rocky Hill; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 26:8-17 the local registrar shall appoint a Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill that Christine Witt be appointed Deputy Registrar effective immediately with no increase in her salary.

Adopted: July 20, 2015

ATTEST:



Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk



Jeff Donahue, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on July 20, 2015.

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2015-63

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill received a grant to perform work on the Borough Hall; and

WHEREAS, HMR Architects has solicited quotes to perform waterproofing in the basement at the Borough Hall; and

WHEREAS, the quote that was most advantageous was that from BQ basement systems in the amount of \$9,656.00; and

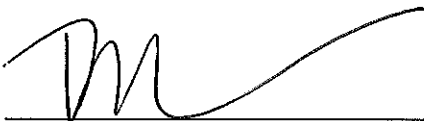
WHEREAS, awarding the contract to BQ Basement Systems was discussed and verbally approved at the June 15, 2015 meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset as follows:


1. That the decision to award the basement waterproofing portion of the Borough Hall renovations to BQ Basement Systems discussed at the June 15, 2015 Council Meeting in the amount of \$9,656.00 is hereby ratified.
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this contract as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This resolution shall take affect immediately.

Adopted: 7/20/15

ATTEST:



Rebecca Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk



Jeff Donahue, Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from: 01-201-26-310-198



Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

02-213-40-803-104